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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/650,339; Filed: August 28, 2000
For: **Metal Binding Compounds and Their Use in Cell
Culture Medium Compositions**
Inventors: Epstein *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4630001/RWE/BJD

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Restriction/Election Requirement;
2. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
3. Two (2) pages of Form PTO-1449 citing 8 documents;
4. A copy of each of the 8 cited documents; and
5. One (1) return postcard.

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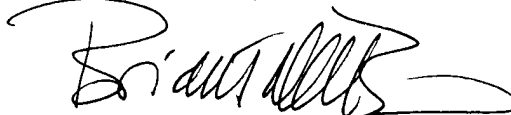
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necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian J. Del Buono", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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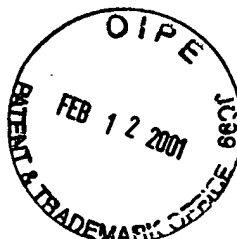


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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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